

## Auditing Procedures Report

Issued under P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended and P.A. 71 of 1919, as amended.

Local Unit of Government Type <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> City <input type="checkbox"/> Twp <input type="checkbox"/> Village <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other		Local Unit Name GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY	County GOGEBIC
Fiscal Year End June 30, 2006	Opinion Date December 28, 2006	Date Audit Report Submitted to State December 28, 2006	

We affirm that:

We are certified public accountants licensed to practice in Michigan.

We further affirm the following material, "no" responses have been disclosed in the financial statements, including the notes, or in the Management Letter (report of comments and recommendations).


YES  
NO

**Check each applicable box below.** (See instructions for further detail.)

1. ☒ ☐ All required component units/funds/agencies of the local unit are included in the financial statements and/or disclosed in the reporting entity notes to the financial statements as necessary.
2. ☒ ☐ There are no accumulated deficits in one or more of this unit's unreserved fund balances/unrestricted net assets (P.A. 275 of 1980) or the local unit has not exceeded its budget for expenditures.
3. ☒ ☐ The local unit is in compliance with the Uniform Chart of Accounts issued by the Department of Treasury.
4. ☒ ☐ The local unit has adopted a budget for all required funds.
5. ☒ ☐ A public hearing on the budget was held in accordance with State statute.
6. ☒ ☐ The local unit has not violated the Municipal Finance Act, an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act, or other guidance as issued by the Local Audit and Finance Division.
7. ☒ ☐ The local unit has not been delinquent in distributing tax revenues that were collected for another taxing unit.
8. ☒ ☐ The local unit only holds deposits/investments that comply with statutory requirements.
9. ☒ ☐ The local unit has no illegal or unauthorized expenditures that came to our attention as defined in the *Bulletin for Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan*, as revised (see Appendix H of Bulletin).
10. ☒ ☐ There are no indications of defalcation, fraud or embezzlement, which came to our attention during the course of our audit that have not been previously communicated to the Local Audit and Finance Division (LAFD). If there is such activity that has not been communicated, please submit a separate report under separate cover.
11. ☒ ☐ The local unit is free of repeated comments from previous years.
12. ☒ ☐ The audit opinion is UNQUALIFIED.
13. ☒ ☐ The local unit has complied with GASB 34 or GASB 34 as modified by MCGAA Statement #7 and other generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
14. ☒ ☐ The board or council approves all invoices prior to payment as required by charter or statute.
15. ☒ ☐ To our knowledge, bank reconciliations that were reviewed were performed timely.

If a local unit of government (authorities and commissions included) is operating within the boundaries of the audited entity and is not included in this or any other audit report, nor do they obtain a stand-alone audit, please enclose the name(s), address(es), and a description(s) of the authority and/or commission.

I, the undersigned, certify that this statement is complete and accurate in all respects.

<b>We have enclosed the following:</b>	Enclosed	Not Required (enter a brief justification)	
Financial Statements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
The letter of Comments and Recommendations	<input type="checkbox"/>	No findings to report	
Other (Describe)	<input type="checkbox"/>		
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GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
RAMSAY, MICHIGAN  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2006

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GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
Management Discussion and Analysis  
Year ended June 30, 2006

This section of the Gogebic Range Water Authority's (the 'Authority') annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Authority's financial performance during the year ended June 30, 2006. It is to be read in conjunction with the Authority's financial statements, which immediately follow. This is a requirement of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34 (GASB34) Basic Financial Statements – and Managements Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments, as amended and interpreted, and is intended to provide the financial results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2006.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Authority was formed in 1977, as a municipal authority under the provisions of Act 233 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended. The municipalities creating the Authority were the Cities of Bessemer and Wakefield, Michigan, Charter Township of Ironwood, and the Townships of Bessemer and Wakefield, Michigan. The Authority was formed for the purpose of developing a water source for its members and others.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the Authority exceed its liabilities as of June 30, 2006 by \$9,218,861 (net assets).
- The Authority's investment in capital assets, net of related debt as of June 30, 2006 was \$8,745,583.
- The Authority's total revenue for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006, was \$433,831.
- The Authority's total expenses for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 was \$406,958, net of \$73,632 interest capitalized. Therefore, the Authority's total revenues exceeded total expenses by \$26,873.
- The Authority's capital contributions (grants) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006 was \$1,077,400.
- The Authority added \$806,925 to its plant assets during the year. These were funded primarily by grants (\$1,077,400).

## OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following financial statements are included in this report:

- Statement of Net Assets – reports the Authority current financial resources: its cash and other current assets, its current and non-current liabilities and comparing those two elements, the resulting net assets of the Authority.
- Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets – reports the Authority's various revenue and expenses.
- Statement of Cash Flows – reports sources and uses of cash by operating activities, capital and related financing activities, and investing activities.

## ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Condensed Financial Information

#### Statement of Net Assets

The following is a condensed statement of net assets with a detailed analysis of the statement below as of June 30,

ASSETS			
	2006	2005	Increase (Decrease)
Current Assets:			
Checking/Savings	\$ 160,387	\$ 197,447	\$ (37,060)
Other current Assets	20,581	23,019	(2,438)
Total Current Assets	180,968	220,466	(39,498)
Fixed Assets	13,456,802	12,824,340	632,462
Other Assets	298,264	241,708	56,556
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 13,936,034</b>	<b>\$ 13,286,514</b>	<b>\$ 649,520</b>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY			
Current Liabilities:			
Account Payable	\$ 29,359	\$ 208,000	\$ (178,641)
Other current Liabilities	80,038	78,307	1,731
Total Current Liabilities	109,397	286,307	(176,910)
Other Liabilities	4,607,776	4,885,619	(277,843)
Total Liabilities	4,717,173	5,171,926	(454,753)
Equity	9,218,861	8,114,588	1,104,273
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 13,936,034</b>	<b>\$ 13,286,514</b>	<b>\$ 649,520</b>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 8,745,583	\$ 7,658,451	\$ 1,087,132
Restricted for debt service	118,465	91,394	27,071
Restricted for capital projects	109,110	77,685	31,425
Unrestricted	245,703	287,058	(41,355)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 9,218,861</b>	<b>\$ 8,114,588</b>	<b>\$ 1,104,273</b>

The Authority's total net assets are \$9,218,861 at June 30, 2006. Capital assets, net of related debt \$8,745,583. This figure is derived by taking the original cost of the Authority's assets, subtracting accumulated depreciation to date and comparing this figure to the amount of long-term debt used to finance the acquisition of those assets.

The total unrestricted net assets are \$245,703 as of June 30, 2006. This is the net accumulated result of the current and past year's operations. The nature of the Authority's operations is based on charges for services and federal grants. The balance in the unrestricted net assets shows that the Authority has an ample amount of assets to fund liabilities at June 30, 2006.

### Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and changes in Net Assets

The results of operations for the Authority are reported in the statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net assets. A summary of the results of operations are as follows for the years ended June 30,

	2006	2005	Increase (Decrease)
Operating Revenues:			
Water Sales	\$ 100,161	\$ 97,857	\$ 2,304
Services	<u>327,939</u>	<u>306,498</u>	<u>21,441</u>
Total Operating Revenue	428,100	404,355	23,745
Operating Expenses	<u>284,058</u>	<u>253,194</u>	<u>30,864</u>
Operating Income	144,042	151,161	(7,119)
Other Revenue (Expenses):			
Interest Income	5,731	4,871	860
Amortization	(1,940)	(1,941)	1
Interest Expense	(120,960)	(122,400)	1,440
capital contributions	<u>1,077,400</u>	<u>1,026,000</u>	<u>51,400</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,104,273	1,057,691	46,582
Beginning Net Assets	<u>8,114,588</u>	<u>7,056,897</u>	<u>1,057,691</u>
Ending Net Assets	<u>\$ 9,218,861</u>	<u>\$ 8,114,588</u>	<u>\$ 1,104,273</u>

The Authority has an overall increase in net assets of \$1,104,273 for the year ended June 30, 2006. Depreciation expense of \$174,463 and amortization expense of \$1,940 was charged to business activities for the year.

### Fund Budget Items

The Authority prepared an annual budget and revises it to account for changes in expenditures as needed.

### Capital Assets

At June 30, 2006, the Authority had \$8,745,583 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation. Assets were capitalized at historical cost. The Authority added \$806,925 of plant assets during the year ended June 30, 2006. Of this amount, \$783,925 was funded by grants.

## Debt

The Authority has \$4,655,000 of long-term liabilities at June 30, 2006. This amount consists of construction loans with various bonds payable to USDA Rural Development. Detail on the bonds can be found in the notes to the financial statements.

## Future Considerations

Continuing efforts are being made to obtain grant and loan financing for developing the Authority regional water system and serve the infrastructure needs of the Authority members.

## Contacting the Authority

If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Authority Administrator at N10338 Mill Street – P.O. Box 445, Ramsay, MI 49959; telephone number 906-667-0465.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chairman and Members of the Board  
Gogebic Range Water Authority  
Ramsay, Michigan

I have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of Gogebic Range Water Authority (the "Authority"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. My responsibility is to express an opinions on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the Untied States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gogebic Range Water Authority as of June 30, 2006, and the results of its operations and the cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards I have also issued my report dated December 28, 2006, on my consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.



My audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and is not a required part of the financial statements of Gogebic Range Water Authority. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

December 28, 2006

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
June 30, 2006

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 160,387
Accounts receivable, net	2,006
Due from other governments	<u>18,575</u>

Total current assets 180,968

NONCURRENT ASSETS

RESTRICTED ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	<u>227,575</u>
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Total restricted assets 227,575

CAPITAL ASSETS

Property, plant and equipment	14,264,600
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(807,798)</u>

Total capital assets 13,456,802

OTHER ASSETS

Bond issue costs, net	<u>70,689</u>
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Total other assets 70,689

Total noncurrent assets 13,755,066

Total assets \$ 13,936,034

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
June 30, 2006

LIABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 5,954
Accounts payable - construction	<u>23,290</u>

Total current liabilities	29,244
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CURRENT LIABILITIES PAYABLE  
FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS

Accounts payable - construction	115
Accrued interest	20,038
Notes and bonds payable	<u>60,000</u>

Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	80,153
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NONCURRENT LIABILITIES

Accounts payable - construction	12,776
Notes and bonds payable, net	<u>4,595,000</u>

Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>4,607,776</u>
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Total liabilities	<u>4,717,173</u>
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NET ASSETS

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	8,745,583
Restricted for debt service	118,465
Restricted for capital projects	109,110
Unrestricted	<u>245,703</u>

Total net assets	<u><u>\$ 9,218,861</u></u>
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See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
Year ended June 30, 2006

Operating revenues:	
Water sales	\$ 100,161
Services to member municipalities	<u>327,939</u>
Total operating revenues	428,100
Operating expenses:	
Administrative wages	29,326
Other administration	4,516
Professional fees	9,911
Insurance	12,630
Travel	3,303
Repairs and maintenance	18,692
Water purchased	31,217
Depreciation	<u>174,463</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>284,058</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	144,042
Non-operating revenues (expenses):	
Interest income	5,731
Amortization of debt expense	(1,940)
Interest expense	<u>(120,960)</u>
Total non-operating revenue (expenses)	<u>(117,169)</u>
Net Income Before Contributions	26,873
Capital contributions	<u>1,077,400</u>
Change in Net Assets	1,104,273
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>8,114,588</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u><u>\$ 9,218,861</u></u>

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
Year ended June 30, 2006

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Receipts from customers	\$430,538
Payments to suppliers	(80,645)
Payments to employees	<u>(29,033)</u>

Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	320,860
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CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:

Purchase of capital assets	(1,129,694)
Capital contributions	1,077,400
Proceeds from bonds payable	0
Principal paid on notes and bonds payable	(58,000)
Interest paid on notes and bonds payable	<u>(194,861)</u>

Net Cash Provided (Used) for Capital and Related Financing Activities	(305,155)
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Interest received on investments	<u>5,731</u>
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Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>5,731</u>
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Net Increases (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	21,436
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Balances - Beginning of Year	<u>366,526</u>
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Balances - End of Year	<u><u>\$387,962</u></u>
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RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED  
BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating income (loss)	\$144,042
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (Used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation	174,463
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Accounts receivable	2,438
Accounts payable	<u>(83)</u>

Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u><u>\$320,860</u></u>
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Noncash investing, capital and financing activities:

Construction financed by accounts payable	\$36,181
Capitalized interest accrued on plant construction	73,632

See accompanying notes to basic financial statements.

# GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

June 30, 2006

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Reporting Entity

Gogebic Range Water Authority (the Authority) was formed on December 1, 1977, as a municipal authority under the provisions of Act 233 of Public Acts of Michigan, 1955, as amended. The municipalities creating the Authority were the Cities of Bessemer and Wakefield, Michigan, Charter Township of Ironwood, and the Townships of Bessemer and Wakefield, Michigan. The Authority was formed for the purpose of developing a water source for its members and others.

In addition to providing water to its members, the Authority also sells water to other customers at agreed-upon rates.

In evaluating how to define the Authority, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The basic – but not the only criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing Authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the Authority and/or its constituents, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the Authority and is generally available to its constituents. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the Authority is able to exercise oversight responsibilities.

Based upon the application of these criteria, the basic financial statements of the Authority contain all the funds and account groups controlled by the Authority's Board as no other entity meets the criteria to be considered a component unit of the Authority nor is the Authority a component unit of another entity.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the Authority are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Authority applies all relevant Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. As enterprise funds, the Authority applies Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The Authority has not adopted GASB Statement No. 20.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The accrual basis of accounting is used by the Authority. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when incurred. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to the Authority is determined by its measurement focus. The transactions of the Authority are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operations are included on the statements of net assets. Net assets (i.e., total assets net of total liabilities) are segregated into invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted components.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Operating revenues and expenses are distinguished from nonoperating items in the statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets. Operating revenues and expenses result from providing services in connection with the Authority's principal ongoing operations. Principal operating revenues of the Authority are charges to customers for water use and charges to member municipalities to recover the costs within the individual municipalities. The charges to recover the financing costs are allocated to the member municipalities based on construction cost allocations. Operating expenses include the cost of providing water, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses. The principal nonoperating revenues of the Authority are grants and investment income. The principal nonoperating expenses of the Authority include interest expense.

Capital grant funding represents amounts received from capital project grants which are restricted to capital acquisition or construction. The Authority recognizes capital grant funding when the grants are earned which is generally when the related capital expenditure is made.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### **Deposits and Investments**

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits are in several financial institutions in the name of the Local Unit Treasurer. Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Local Unit to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations. Investments can also be made in bonds, securities and other obligations of the United States, or an agency or instrumentality of the United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of the United States banks; commercial paper rated within the three highest classifications by not less than two standard ratings services which mature not more than 270 days after the date of purchase and which involve no more than 50 percent of any one fund. Michigan law prohibits security in the form of collateral, surety bonds, or other forms for the deposit of public money. Attorney General's Opinion No. 6168 states that public funds may not be deposited in financial institutions located in states other than Michigan. The Local Unit's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents have original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

#### **Receivables**

Accounts receivable have been shown net of an allowance for uncollectible accounts. As of June 30, 2006, all accounts were deemed collectible and no allowance had been recorded.

The amount due from other governments consists of charges to member municipalities for administration and financing costs. All amounts have been determined to be collectible and no allowance has been recorded.

The Authority does not accrue unbilled service at the end of the year with respect to service provided but not billed at such date.



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets are generally defined by the Authority as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$1,000. Maintenance and repair costs are charged to expense as incurred.

Capital assets are reported at cost or the fair market value at the time of contribution to the Authority. Major outlays for plant are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase is reflected in the capitalized value of the plant constructed, net of interest earned on the invested proceeds over the same period. Capital assets in service are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Source of supply	40 - 100
Pumping	20 - 100
Water treatment	40
Transmission and distribution	50 - 100
General	5 - 40

#### Bond Issue Costs

Bond issue costs are amortized to expense over the life of the related indebtedness.

#### Compensated Absences

The Authority has one employee that receives a salary. There are no accrued vacation or sick leave costs.

#### Equity Classifications

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

- a. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt—Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bond's mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net assets—Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net assets—All other net assets that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

All deposits were made in a bank authorized by the Board of Directors and under authority of State of Michigan deposit laws. Operating cash balances were \$197,447 at June 30, 2006. All deposits were made in financial institutions whose deposits are covered by federal depository insurance. For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Authority considers all short-term debt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Investing is performed in accordance with investment policies complying with state statutes.

Restricted cash consisted of the following:

	<u>June 30, 2006</u>
1. Construction Account, these are checking accounts used to receive loan and grant proceeds to be used solely to pay construction costs: Phase II	\$ 115
2. Bond Reserve Account, These savings accounts are set aside in accordance with terms of the bond issues. The funds in these accounts shall be used solely for payment of principal and interest on the bonds as to which these would otherwise be default: 2000 issue	93,616
2003 issue	18,939
2004 issue	5,909
3. Repair, Replacement and Improvement Account, these savings accounts are set aside in accordance with terms of the bond issues and actions by the Board of Directors. These funds are to be used for repairs, replacement, or improvements to the water system. If the amounts in the bond reserve accounts are not sufficient to pay on the bonds when due, these monies may be transferred for that purpose.	<u>108,996</u>
Total Restricted Cash	<u><u>\$ 227,575</u></u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE B – CASH AND INVESTMENTS (continued)

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 3, risk disclosure for bank deposits at June 30, 2006 are:

a. Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name.	\$ 100,000
b. Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name.	287,962
c. Uncollateralized (This includes any bank balance that is collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the entity's name.)	<u>-</u>
Subtotal	\$ 387,962
Less outstanding checks	<u>-</u>
Balance at June 30, 2006	<u><u>\$ 387,962</u></u>

### NOTE C – CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the changes in the Authority's capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2006, is as follows:

	Balance at June 30, 2005	Additions	Reductions	Balance at June 30, 2006
Land	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800
Structures and improvements	2,468,459	-	-	2,468,459
Wells and improvements	947,554	-	-	947,554
Pumping station	502,189	-	-	502,189
Water mains and hydrants	3,990,358	-	-	3,990,358
Reservoir	10,087	-	-	10,087
General equipment	8,403	-	-	8,403
Construction in progress	<u>5,528,825</u>	<u>806,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,335,750</u>
Total Plant	13,457,675	806,925	-	14,264,600
Less allowances for depreciation	<u>(633,335)</u>	<u>(174,463)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(807,798)</u>
	<u><u>\$ 12,838,926</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 632,462</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 13,456,802</u></u>

The Authority had an increase in plant assets of \$806,925 and no assets were disposed of during the year.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE D – CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

The Authority is expanding its water supply system. Construction of phase I started in July 2000 and was completed in August 2003 at a cost of \$6,393,925. Phase II was started in April of 2003 and completed in July of 2006 at a cost of \$6,408,181. Funding has been obtained from the USDA – Rural Development through a combination of loans and grants. Capital assets constructed under these projects will be owned and maintained by the Authority until the related debt has been retired (forty years). After the debt has been retired, the system's ownership will be turned over to the member municipalities involved.

### NOTE E – DEFERRED LOAN COSTS

Expenses incurred in connection with the issuance of bonds are being amortized over the lives of the related debt as follows:

	Bond Issue			Total
	Series 2000	Series 2003	Series 2004	
Debt issuance costs	\$ 28,387	\$ 37,243	\$ 12,000	\$ 77,630
Amortization:				
Beginning balance	2,839	1,862	300	5,001
Current year	709	931	300	1,940
Accumulated balance	<u>3,548</u>	<u>2,793</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>6,941</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 24,839</u>	<u>\$ 34,450</u>	<u>\$ 11,400</u>	<u>\$ 70,689</u>

### NOTE F – LONG TERM DEBT

On October 5, 2000, April 1, 2003 and September 15, 2004, the Authority issued Water System No. 1 Limited Tax General Obligation Bonds, Series 2000, 2003 and 2004. Series 2000, 2003 and 2004, were issued for \$2,833,000, \$1,339,000 and \$726,000, bearing interest rates of 4.5%, 3.25% and 4.375%, respectively. They were single issue bonds purchased by USDA - Rural Development. At June 30, 2006, the outstanding balances were \$2,688,000 for the series 2000 bond, \$1,306,000 for series 2003 bond, and \$719,000 for series 2004.

These bonds are payable by the Authority from proceeds of contracted payments to be paid by the member municipalities. Principal payments on the series 2000 bond are due July 1 and interest is due July 1 and January 1 of each year. The series 2003 bond has principal payments due February 1 and interest due February 1 and August 1 of each year. The series 2004 bond has principal payments due June 1 and interest due June 1 and December 1 of each year.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE F – LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

A summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2006 are as follows:

	Balance at June 30, 2005	Additions	Payments	Balance at June 30, 2006
Series 2000	\$ 2,688,000	\$ -	\$ 33,000	\$ 2,655,000
Series 2003	1,306,000	-	18,000	1,288,000
Series 2004	719,000	-	7,000	712,000
	<u>\$ 4,713,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 58,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,655,000</u>

The annual aggregate maturities for the bonds for years subsequent to June 30, 2006, are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2007	\$ 60,000	\$ 192,485	\$ 252,485
2008	62,000	190,020	252,020
2009	66,000	187,465	253,465
2010	68,000	184,755	252,755
2011	70,000	181,956	251,956
2012-2016	402,000	863,500	1,265,500
2017-2021	493,000	773,185	1,266,185
2022-2026	604,000	662,404	1,266,404
2027-2031	743,000	525,705	1,268,705
2032-2036	909,000	357,385	1,266,385
2037-2041	955,000	157,569	1,112,569
2042-2044	223,000	15,455	238,455
	<u>\$ 4,655,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,291,884</u>	<u>\$ 8,946,884</u>

### NOTE G – RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. The Authority has obtained coverage from a commercial insurance company. The Authority has comprehensive general liability coverage of \$2,000,000 per occurrence and \$4,000,000 in the aggregate and has obtained worker's compensation coverage.

All risk management activities are accounted for in the financial statements of the Authority. Expenses and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims, but for which none have been reported, are considered.

Management estimates that the amount of actual or potential claims against the Authority as of June 30, 2006, will not materially affect the financial condition of the Authority. Therefore, the financial statements contain no provision for estimated claims. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

### NOTE H – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In the normal course of construction projects, the Authority receives loan and grant funds from various federal and state agencies. These programs are subject to audit by agents of the lending and granting agencies, the purpose of which is to ensure compliance with conditions precedent to the awarding of funds. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as a result of these audits is not believed to be material.

### NOTE I – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### 1. Lease, Water Purchase, and Administrative Services

The Authority has lease agreements, water purchase agreements, and administrative service agreements with the member municipalities. Through these agreements, the Authority purchases water from the City of Wakefield and sells this water to Bessemer and Wakefield Townships. The Authority also transmits water on behalf of the City of Bessemer from the City's well field to the City. In addition, the Authority is responsible for the administration of various projects involving the development of water sources and distribution of the water to the various members for sale to their respective customers.

The Authority charges Bessemer and Wakefield Townships for water sold to them. Construction and related financing costs are allocated and billed by the Authority to the member municipalities. Charges for these services by the Authority are billed to the members based on percentages developed on a project by project basis. Revenues derived from these charges are used to pay costs of operations and debt retirement obligations.

Under terms of the lease agreements, the member municipalities are responsible to maintain the systems located in their respective communities. Ultimately, when the debts related to the various projects are paid, ownership of the assets of the Authority will be turned over to the communities in which they are located.

#### 2. Office Lease

On September 1, 2003, the Authority entered into an agreement with Bessemer Township (a member) to lease office space in the Township hall for use by the Authority. This is an operating lease whereby either party may terminate the lease at will. The lease calls for the Authority to pay a monthly rent of \$300 less credit for capital improvements made to the real estate. The Authority began paying the monthly rent of \$300 in July of 2006.

## OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
RAMSAY, MICHIGAN  
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
Year ended June 30, 2006

Federal Grantor Pass-Through Grantor Program or Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Program Award Amount	Federal Expenditures
US Department of Agriculture:			
Direct Programs:			
Water and Waste Disposal Systems			
for Rural Communities:			
Loan Program	10.760	1,339,000	\$0
Grant program	10.760	<u>2,961,000</u>	<u>665,999</u>
Total Federal Expenditures			<u><u>\$665,999</u></u>
Reconciliation:			
Federal funds received during year			\$1,059,900
Less amount applied to prior year expenditures			(430,082)
Plus current year expenditures funded			
Subsequent to year end			36,181
Total Federal Expenditures			<u><u>\$665,999</u></u>



# GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY

## NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Year ended June 30, 2006

### 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of Gogebic Range Water Authority, and is presented on the accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Expenditures in this schedule are in agreement with the amounts reported in the financial statements.

### 2. Loans Outstanding – Gogebic Range Water Authority had 3 outstanding bonds as of June 30, 2006. They are held by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for funding provided for construction projects as follows:

Series 2000, issued \$2,833,000 with an outstanding balance at June 30, 2006.	\$ 2,655,000
Series 2003, issued \$1,339,000 with an outstanding balance at June 30, 2006.	1,288,000
Series 2004, issued \$726,000 with an outstanding balance at June 30, 2006.	<u>712,000</u>
Balance at June 30, 2006	<u><u>\$ 4,655,000</u></u>

### 3. Sub recipients – Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, Gogebic Range Water Authority, provided no federal awards to sub recipients.

### 4. The federal program (U.S. Department of agriculture) was selected as a major program, Type A using the risk-based audit approach and the 50% high-risk auditee coverage rule.

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### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Chairman and Members of the Board  
Gogebic Range Water Authority  
Ramsay, Michigan

I have audited the financial statements of Gogebic Range Water Authority as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, and have issued my report thereon dated December 28, 2006. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Gogebic Range Water Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to material weaknesses.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gogebic Range Water Authority's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the Authority's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and member municipalities, others within the organization, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

December 28, 2006

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### REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Chairman and Members of the Board  
Gogebic Range Water Authority  
Ramsay, Michigan

#### Compliance

I have audited the compliance of Gogebic Range Water Authority with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2006. Gogebic Range Water Authority's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of Gogebic Range Water Authority's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on Gogebic Range Water Authority's compliance based on my audit.

I conducted my audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Gogebic Range Water Authority's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion. My audit does not provide a legal determination on Gogebic Range Water Authority's compliance with those requirements.

In my opinion, Gogebic Range Water Authority complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2006.

## Internal Control over Compliance

The management of Gogebic Range Water Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing my audit, I considered Gogebic Range Water Authority's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on compliance and to test and report on the internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

My consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants caused by error or fraud that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that I consider to be a material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and member municipalities, others within the organization and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

December 28, 2006

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Year ended June 30, 2006

SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of Gogebic Range Water Authority.
2. There were no reportable conditions disclosed during the audit of the financial statements reported in the Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to financial statements of Gogebic Range Water Authority were disclosed during the audit.
4. There were no reportable conditions disclosed during the audit of the major federal award program reported in the Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for the major federal award program for Gogebic Range Water Authority expresses an unqualified opinion.
6. There were no audit findings that are required to be reported in accordance with Section 510(a) of OMB Circular A-133.
7. The programs tested as major program were the U.S. Department of Agriculture C.F.D.A. Number 10.760.
8. The threshold for distinguishing Type A programs was \$300,000.
9. Gogebic Range Water Authority was determined not to be a low-risk auditee.

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS  
AUDIT

U.S. Department of Agriculture, CFDA No. 10.760.

None

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

Year ended June 30, 2006

There were no audit findings during the prior year related to federal awards.

GOGEBIC RANGE WATER AUTHORITY  
RAMSAY, MICHIGAN 49959

David Traczyk, CPA  
327 Silver Street  
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We are providing this letter in connection with your audit(s) of the financial statements of Gogebic Range Water Authority as of June 30, 2006 and for the years then ended for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gogebic Range Water Authority and the results of its operations and cash flows in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles. We confirm that we are responsible for the fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles. We are also responsible for adopting sound accounting policies, establishing and maintaining internal control, and preventing and detecting fraud.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of December 28, 2006, the following representations made to you during your audit(s).

1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and include all properly classified funds and account groups required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.
2. We have made available to you all--
  - a. Financial records and related data and all audit or relevant monitoring reports, if any, received from funding sources.
  - b. Minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
3. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.
4. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
1. We believe the effects of the uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarized in the attached schedule are immaterial, both individual and in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In addition, you have recommended adjusting journal entries # 1 through # 11 (copy attached) that will be posted. We are in agreement with those adjustments.

6. We acknowledge our responsibility for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud.
7. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving:
  - a. Management,.
  - b. Employees who have significant roles in internal control, or
  - c. Others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.



8. We have no knowledge of any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers, or others.
9. The Authority has no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or fund equity.
10. The following, if any, have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:
  - a. Related party transactions, including revenues, expenditures/expenses, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
  - b. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the Authority is contingently liable.
  - c. All accounting estimates that could be material to the financial statements, including the key factors and significant assumptions underlying those estimates, and we believe the estimates are reasonable in the circumstances.
11. We are responsible for compliance with the laws, regulations, and provisions of contracts and grant agreements applicable to us, including tax on debt limits and debt contracts; and we have identified and disclosed to you all laws, regulations and provisions of contracts and grant agreements that we believe have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
12. There are no--
  - a. Violations or possible violations of budget ordinances, laws and regulations (including those pertaining to adopting and amending budgets), provisions of contracts and grant agreements, tax or debt limits, and any related debt covenants whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
  - b. Unasserted claims or assessments that our lawyer has advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 5, *Accounting for Contingencies*.
  - c. Other liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB Statement No. 5.
  - d. Reservations or designation of fund equity that were not properly authorized and approved.
13. As part of your audit, you prepared the draft financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards. We have designated a competent employee to oversee your services and have made all management decisions and performed all management functions. We have reviewed, approved, and accepted responsibility for those financial statements and related notes and schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
14. The Authority has satisfactory title to all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged as collateral.
15. The Authority has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that would have a material effect on the general purpose financial statements in the event of noncompliance.

16. The financial statements include all component units as well as joint ventures with an equity interest, and properly disclose all other joint ventures and other related organizations.
17. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
18. Net asset components (invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted; and unrestricted) and fund balance reserves and designations are properly classified and, if applicable, approved.
19. Provisions for uncollectible receivables have been properly identified and recorded.
20. Deposits and investment securities are properly classified as to risk.
21. Capital assets are properly capitalized, reported, and, if applicable, depreciated. We have reviewed the depreciation schedules (copy attached) and are in agreement with all of the calculations and useful lives.
22. With respect to federal award programs:
  - a. We are responsible for complying and have complied with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.
  - b. We have, in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, identified in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, expenditures made during the audit period for all awards provided by federal agencies in the form of grants, federal cost-reimbursement contract, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance.
  - c. We are responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements related to each of our federal programs and have identified and disclosed to you the requirements of laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that are considered to have a direct and material effect on each major federal program.
  - d. We are responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance requirements applicable to federal programs that provides reasonable assurance that we are managing our federal awards in compliance with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts and grant agreements that could have a material effect on our federal programs. We believe the internal control system is adequate and is functioning as intended. Also, no changes have been made in the internal control system to the date of this letter that might significantly affect internal control, including any corrective action taken with regard to reportable conditions, reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.
  - e. We have made available to you all contracts and grant agreements (including amendments, if any) and any other correspondence with federal agencies or pass-through entities relating to each major federal program.
  - f. We have received no requests from a federal agency to audit one or more specific programs as a major program.

- g. We have complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements, including when applicable, those set forth in the OMB *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement*, relating to federal awards and have identified and disclosed to you all amounts questioned and any known noncompliance with the requirements of federal awards, including the results of other audits or program reviews.
- h. Amounts claimed or used for matching were determined in accordance with relevant guidelines in OMB *Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local, and Tribal Governments*, and OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments*.
- i. We have disclosed to you our interpretation of compliance requirements that may have varying interpretations.
- j. We have made available to you all documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- k. Federal Program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the books and records from which the financial statements have been prepared, and are prepared on a basis consistent with the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
- l. The copies of federal program financial reports provided you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to the respective federal agency or pass-through entity, as applicable
- m. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the summary schedule of prior audit findings to include all findings required to be included in OMB Circular A-133 and we have provided you with all information on the status of the follow-up on prior audit findings by federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, including all management decisions.
- n. We are responsible for and have accurately prepared the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by OMB Circular A-133, and we are responsible for preparing and implementing a corrective action plan for each audit finding.

To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events, including instances of noncompliance, have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements of in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Our auditor, David Traczyk, CPA, 327 Silver Street, Hurley, Wisconsin, 54534, is making an annual audit of our financial statements. Please furnish to him the information requested below involving matters as to which you have been engaged and to which you have devoted substantive attention on behalf of the Gogebic Range Water Authority, in the form of legal consultation or representation.

Pending or Threatened Litigation (excluding unasserted claims and assessments)

Please prepare a description of all material litigation, claims, and assessments (excluding unasserted claims and assessments). Materiality for purposes of this latter includes items involving amounts exceeding \$ 1,000.00 individually or in the aggregate. The description of each case could include:

- a. the nature of the litigation;
- b. the progress in the case to date;
- c. how the Authority is responding or intends to respond to the litigation, e.g., to contest the case vigorously to seek an out-of-court settlement; and
- d. an evaluation of the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome and an estimate, if one can be made, of the amount or range of potential loss.

Unasserted Claims and Assessments

We have represented to our auditor that there are no unasserted claims or assessments that you have advised us are probable of assertion and must be disclosed in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5 (excerpts of which can be found in the ABA' Auditor's Letter Handbook).

We understand that whenever, in the course of performing legal services for us with respect to a matter recognized to involve an unasserted possible claim or assessment that may call for financial statement disclosure, you have formed a professional conclusion that we should disclose or consider disclosure concerning such possible claim or assessment, as a matter of professional responsibility to us, you will so advise us and will consult with us concerning the question of such disclosure and the applicable requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 5. Please specifically confirm to our auditor that our understanding is correct.

Response

Your response should include matters that existed as of June 30, 2006, and during the period from that date to the effective date of your response.

Please specifically identify the nature of, and reasons for, any limitation on your response.

Our auditor expects to have the audit completed on December 28, 2006, and would appreciate receiving your response by that date.

Very truly yours,

G. Jean Verbos, Administrator

December 28, 2006